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SUBJECT: US-FRENCH CANCER RESEARCH COOPERATION

REF: PARIS 13884

1. WE HAVE ASCERTAINED THAT HEW IS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR JOINT CANCER RESEARCH SET FORTH IN MADAME VEIL'S LETTER. IN ORDER TO MEET HER DESIRE FOR AN EXCHANGE OF COMMUNICATIONS ON THE SUBJECT, HOWEVER, WE HAVE DRAFTED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FOR PRESENTATION TO HER BY SECRETARY WEINBERGER. THE TEXT, AS APPROVED BY HEW, FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: MADAME MINISTER: IT IS A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO WASHINGTON AND TO LEARN OF YOUR SUPPORT FOR EXPANSION OF COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES IN CANCER RESEARCH. I AM HAPPY TO ADD THIS EXPRESSION OF MY OWN GRATIFICATION OVER THE PROGRESS OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE MAKING TO CONSOLIDATE OUR ENDEAVORS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE DISEASE.

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3. THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE WILL

GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO YOUR SUGGESTIONS ON MEANS OF STRENGTHENING OUR COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES. I AM PLEASED TO NOTE THAT IN RECENT DISCUSSIONS REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE AND THE INSTITUT NATIONAL DE LA SANTE ET DE LA RECHERCHE MEDICALE IDENTIFIED AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND BEGAN TO ESTABLISH PRIORITIES.

4. WE ARE RESOLVED THAT THIS COOPERATION, WHICH OFFERS SO MUCH POTENTIAL BENEFIT TO BOTH OUR COUNTRIES, WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND. LET ME ASSURE YOU OF MY PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR THESE EFFORTS. SINCERELY, CASPAR W. WEINBERGER. END TEXT.

5. WE WILL PREPARE A FRENCH TRANSLATION OF THIS LETTER.

6. IF YOU BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE, PLEASE PROVIDE MAISSONIER THE TEXT OF THIS LETTER AND REPORT TO US ANY COMMENTS BEARING ON MADAME VEIL'S CALL ON SECRETARY WEINBERGER JUNE 6.

7. WHILE WE FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT THE US LETTER ABOVE DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO DESIRES OF DE NAZELLE AND MOISSONIER TO MAKE MINISTER VEIL'S VISIT THE OCCASION FOR UNDERTAKING FORMAL BILATERAL COMMITMENT TO STRUCTURED JOINT RESEARCH, THE US LETTER REPRESENTS OUR BEST ATTEMPT TO ACCOMMODATE FRENCH INTERESTS IN BILATERAL RESEARCH EFFORTS AS WELL AS TO MAKE FORMAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MINISTER VEIL'S VISIT. CONCERNING THE LATTER POINT, SECRETARY WEINBERGER WILL INVITE MADAME VEIL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEW INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN HEALTH, TO BE HELD IN WASHINGTON JUNE 16-18 AS PART OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR, AND TO DO SO AS THE GUEST OF HEW. EMBASSY MAY SO ADVISE MOISSONIER. (IF MADAME VEIL WOULD PREFER TO ACCEPT THE CONFERENCE INVITATION AND THUS POSTPONE HER APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY WEINBERGER UNTIL MID-JUNE, PLEASE NOTIFY US ASAP.) INGERSOLL

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